

Middletown Commission on the Arts

Minutes, March 28, 2012

Present

Franca Biales
Cassandra Day (vice-chair)
Richard Kamins
Joyce Kirkpatrick
Linda Salafia (council)
Lea Tomaszewski
Jenny Hawkins Lecce (sec.)
Lee Godburn (chair)
Lauren Hodge (student rep)
Bob Santangelo (council)(left 9:01)
Barbara Arafah
Charlotte McCoid (arrived 7:12)

Also Present

Stephan Allison, staff

Absent

David Davis
Chelsea Rak (student rep)
Fran Ganguli
Maria Malafronte (student rep)

Call to order

Commission Chair Godburn called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at 100 Riverview Center, Suite 140, Middletown, CT.

Public session: Dic Wheeler and Marcella Trowbridge from ArtFarm came to the meeting and asked to schedule a dialogue. Bob motioned that we break the session to allow the dialogue, Richard seconded. Carried unanimously. Conversation between the commissioners and ArtFarm ensued. Bob moved that we come out of session. Linda seconded. Carried.

Minutes from February 22, 2012

Motion to approve by Richard, second by Charlotte. Joyce notes a correction: she was recused, but immediately returned. Approved with Joyce's note and one abstention from Linda.

Remarks from the Chair

Commission Chair Godburn skipped the remarks from the chair in view of the evening's workload.

Old Business

Budget Report – verbal report with Stephan. The city has reduced our budget from Feb. to June by 10% except for the grants program funding.

Program Update

- a) Arts Stakeholders Group: Met on City Canvases and strategic planning. City Canvases grant declined. Next meeting will be in Russell Library Hubbard Room 3/30 at noon.
- b) Arts & Creative Industries Council, Creative Juice (Chamber of Commerce): ongoing. The next meeting is 4/12 at noon in the Chamber of Commerce.
- c) Website- Arts2Go.org: ongoing.
- d) Ethics Code: gift limits, no report
- e) MCA 40th: In progress
- f) MCA Budget- 2012-2013: ongoing.
- i) Other

Committee Reports

Public Art Committee:

Catalogue: currently seeking graphic design work for the last part of the project.

Planning & Projects Committee:

i) Arts Walk: no report

ii) Arts Advocacy Award: (4/16-17/2012) The cut off for nominations was February 29, 2012.

Many worthy nominations from both the commission and the public were put forth for consideration. Jenny made a motion to recognize the Greater Middletown Concert Assoc. and Anne Marie Cannata (of The Buttonwood Tree). Linda seconded. Discussion followed. Bob made a motion to amend the motion to now read that we will recognize the Greater Middletown Concert Assoc. and The Buttonwood Tree. Linda seconded. Jenny withdrew her motion in favor of the new motion, Linda withdrew her second of the original motion. Vote: carried with a single abstention from Barbara.

Nominating Committee: Review of Bylaws: ongoing.

Other: (Publicity Committee, Kids Arts Committee, Archive Committee): ongoing.

New Business

a) Grant Panel Selection for Category 2 & 3:

Application period closed on March 15. Grant panel: Barbara, Franca, Cassandra with the alternate being Fran or David.

b) Review of grant applications and contracts process/language/stipulations:

Category I contract line item change. Richard moves that for general operating support grant contracts/agreements, a motion is put forth to remove item number four - "4. Income resulting from the project is to be returned to the Commission in the amount of the grant award unless otherwise stipulated." Linda seconds. Passed, one abstention from Joyce.

c) Other The Chair offered the commission an opportunity to re-examine the Category I awards.

Miscellaneous

Other: none.

Adjournment

Charlotte moved to adjourn at 9:12 p.m., seconded by Linda. Commission will next meet for its regular monthly meeting on April 25, 2012.

Announcements

Charlotte shared about Benefit Bowl Dinner on March 29, 2012. Stephan shared that the Big Draw on Wesleyan Campus will happen on Earth Day, April 22, 2012.

Respectfully submitted
Jenny Hawkins Lecce